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*The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour and
2:00 p.m. for Legislative Business*

Anticipated Floor Action:

H.R. 3048—Presidential Threat Protection

H.R. 4718—Extension of Chapter 12 (Farmer Bankruptcy)

H.R. 1515—Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments

**H.R. 3417—Complete Orderly Withdrawal of NOAA from the Civil
Administration of the Pribilof Islands, Alaska**

S. 148—Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act

H.R. 4408—To Reauthorize the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act

**H.R. 4063—Establish the Rosie the Riveter-World War II Home Front
National Historical Park in the State of California**

S. 1309—Church Plan Parity and Entanglement Prevention Act of 1999

**H.R. 4690—FY 2001 Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the
Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act**



Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules

The House will consider the following eight bills as its first order of business today. Each bill is debatable for forty minutes, may not be amended and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

H.R. 3048 expands the authority of the U.S. Secret Service to investigate threats made against ex-presidents, major presidential and vice-presidential candidates and their immediate families and extends Secret Service protective coverage to high-ranking foreign officials during visits to the United States. The bill does this by removing the requirement that the Secret Service be protecting an individual specified in the statute governing the Secret Service before it is able to investigate a threat against that person. This change allows the Service to investigate a threat against the President, Vice President, their families, former presidents and their families, and candidates for President

and Vice President and their families, as well as certain visiting dignitaries, even if it is not currently protecting those persons.

H.R. 3048 also gives the Secret Service the ability to coordinate security for an event of “national significance” if so directed by the President, even if no person the service is protecting will be at the event. The President can designate an event of national significance and the Treasury Secretary will decide whether or not the Secret Service will participate in the event. However, the committee specified that this section of the bill is not intended to authorize the Service to act as the lead federal agency in all aspects of such an event and is not intended to give the Service the authority to usurp the authority of other federal agencies to conduct crisis or consequence management with respect to such an event.

Furthermore, the bill gives the Treasury authority to establish a National Threat Assessment Center within the Secret Service to provide training of state and local law enforcement officers and to conduct research and share information on threats made against public officials and facilities. Currently the Service does not have the authority to share its expertise in threat assessment with other agencies.

Lastly, H.R. 3048 also grants Secret Service the ability to obtain administrative subpoenas for use in their investigations. The only agency currently allowed to issue administrative (limited subpoenas issued by the Attorney General for information), is the Justice Department, and can only be issued by the Justice Department in relation to crimes involving drugs, federal health care investigations or the sexual exploitation or abuse of children. The measure was introduced by Mr. McCollum on October 8, 1999 and the Government Reform Committee reported the bill by voice vote on May 24, 2000.

H.R. 4718 extends for an additional three months (from July 1, 2000 to October 1, 2000) chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code providing for farm bankruptcies. Chapter 12 has not enjoyed permanent status in the law since its initial enactment in 1986. Without this extension of chapter 12, farmers who face financial hardship and may need to consider bankruptcy as a last resort would be denied the ability to file under the special provisions of chapter 12. Pending bankruptcy legislation (H.R. 833) now in conference between the House and Senate will make chapter 12 permanent. However, until enactment of that legislation, H.R. 4718 is necessary to extend the law beyond July 1, 2000, its current expiration date. The bill was introduced by Messers. Smith (MI) and Gekas on June 23, 2000 and was not considered by a committee.

S. 1515 makes a number of amendments to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) of 1990 (*P.L. 101-426*) in order to expand the compensation of benefits to include new forms of cancers and other diseases that have been linked to radiation exposure since the law was introduced. Specifically the amendments add:

- Lung, brain, colon, ovary, bladder and salivary gland cancers to the list of those that are linked to radiation exposure
- specific non-cancer diseases such as silicosis to the list of those that are incorporated in the act
- Miners, millers and uranium ore transporters in 11 western states to the list of those able to seek compensation for illness related to radiation exposure related to the development of a nuclear defense program.

The bill changes RECA to offer compensation to people who were unintentionally exposed to radiation, nicknamed “downwinders.” The measure specifies that individuals must (1) have lived in certain Utah, Nevada and Arizona counties; (2) lived in these areas between January 15, 1951 and October 31, 1958, or July 1962; and (3) must have one of the lymphomas, leukemia, or primary cancers listed in the amended act (smokers are eligible for consideration). Those who lived in the areas for a minimum of one year are eligible for \$50,000 if they have a documented disease, and those who lived in areas that participated in atmospheric tests and have a documented disease are eligible for \$75,000.

S. 1515 also modifies RECA to increase the number of people available for compensation and to make it easier for them to apply. The bill makes those individuals who worked in aboveground, underground, or open-pit uranium mines, uranium mills, or individuals who transported uranium ore in one of eleven western states for a specified period of time between January, 1942 to December, 1972 eligible for \$100,00 in compensation. Some of the improvements in the amendments include:

- Expanding the number of states eligible for compensation
- Changing the number of months an individual who develops lung cancer, or other radiogenic pathologies must have worked to be eligible for compensation from 200 working level months (WLM) to 40 WLM
- Expanding the definition of “medical written documentation” to include: (1) arterial blood gases, (2) a chest x-ray read by two certified “B” readers, (3) an interpreted high resolution computer tomography scan (CAT, MRI or PET), (4) a qualified physician’s written diagnosis, (5) pathology reports of tissue biopsies, and (6) pulmonary function tests

Also, the bill provides respect for Native American Law when processing claims. In addition, S. 1515 amends Title IV of the Public Health Services Act to authorize the HHS Secretary to make grants totaling \$20 million annually to cancer and community health centers, as well as state health department to carry out screening programs for eligible individuals, provide medical referrals, educate people on radiogenic cancers and prevention, and facilitate documentation for RECA claims. Lastly, the bill makes a number of small changes designed to make claims application and processing easier.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1515 would result in additional discretionary spending of about \$750 million over the 2000-2005 period. About \$650 million of this total would be for compensation payments to individuals for radiation exposure, and the remainder would be spent on HHS grant programs. Senator Hatch introduced S. 1515 on August 5, 1999 and was passed by unanimous consent in the Senate on November 19, 1999 and referred to the House where the Judiciary Committee reported it by voice vote on May 24, 2000.

H.R. 3417 establishes the framework for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to complete the cleanup and transfer of property on the Pribilof Islands to local entities, and to complete the agency’s withdrawal from the civil administration of the Islands. H.R. 3417 amends the Fur Seal Act of 1966, and sets up a system for localized control for Natives on the Pribilof Islands. This bill authorizes grants for local groups on St. Paul and St. George, the island’s two inhabited islands, as well as to the State of Alaska, for community development and building solid waste treatment facilities. The bill allows the NOAA to continue to manage fur seal popula-

tions on the Pribilof Islands. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3417 would cost the federal government about \$67 million over the next five years. The bill was introduced by Mr. Young on November 17, 1999 and passed the Resources Committee by voice vote on April 10, 2000.

S. 148 requires the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to establish a program to assist conservation efforts for neotropical migratory birds in the U.S., Caribbean, and Latin American countries. The bill also authorizes \$8 million annually (through FY 2000) in financial assistance to eligible government agencies, organizations, and private groups that aide in conserving neotropical migratory birds. Furthermore, it establishes a Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Account in the U.S. Treasury, into which monies donated to the government and monies appropriated by Congress will be deposited. The measure also authorizes the USFWS to establish a seven-member advisory group to assist the agency overseeing this grant program. However, no more than six percent of appropriated funds may be used for administrative costs. CBO estimates that S. 148 would authorize the appropriation of \$8 million annually for fiscal years 2000 through 2003. Because the bill would authorize the USFWS to accept and spend donations without further appropriation, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, however, that any new revenues and resulting direct spending would be insignificant and largely offsetting. Senator Abraham introduced the bill on January 19, 1999 and it passed the Senate by unanimous consent on April 13, 1999.

H.R. 4408 reauthorizes the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and authorizes \$1 million for the Secretary of Commerce and \$250,000 for the Secretary of Interior to continue the program for fiscal years 2001-2003. Atlantic striped bass are found along the U.S. East Coast, Chesapeake Bay, Mid-Atlantic, and New England States. Striped bass spend the majority of their lives in saltwater but return to freshwater to spawn. Because of the migratory patterns of the fish, the management of striped bass is subject to the regulation of many states. By the late 1970's, heavy fishing activity combined with habitat degradation and other poorly understood factors caused the population to dramatically fall. In 1979, Congress first authorized the Emergency Striped Bass Study as part of the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act to address the problem of declining striped bass stocks. This legislation was later expanded by the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act of 1984 which ensured that the states would comply with a coast-wide fishery management plan. H.R. 4408 was introduced by Mr. Saxton on May 9, 2000 and reported from the Resources Committee on June 7, 2000 by voice vote.

H.R. 4063 creates a historic park in Richmond, CA, dedicated to Rosie the Riveter and the WWII Home Front. This park would be dedicated to the role the home front played in supporting American troops and contributing to their success in WWII. The bill makes Richmond, CA, the national center for historical education about this period in American history. The bill was introduced by Mr. Miller (CA) on March 22, 2000 and the Resources Committee reported the bill by voice vote on June 20, 2000.

S. 1309 clarifies the status of church plans under state law and addresses the problem of health insurance issuers refusing to do business with church plans because of concern that church plans could be classified as unlicensed entities. The bill further clarifies that a church welfare plan is considered to be sponsored by a single employer that does not engage in the business of insurance for purposes of state insurance laws. Network providers and insurance companies may establish the same contractual relationship with a church plan as they are permitted to establish with any single employer plan covered under EIRSA in that state. Finally, S. 1309 exempts church welfare

plans from state licensing requirements while preserving state authority to enforce insurance law provisions that remain applicable to church plans. The bill was introduced by Senator Sessions on June 30, 1999 and passed the Senate by unanimous consent on November 19, 1999.



Bills Considered Pursuant to a Rule

H.R. 4690—FY 2001 Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Floor Situation: On Monday, June 26, 2000, the House will complete action on H.R. 4690 and all amendments thereto under the order of the House of June 22, 2000, except as specified, each amendment shall be debatable only for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled. In addition, amendment **No. 23 (by Mr. Hostettler)** shall be debatable only for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled; and amendment **No. 60 (by Mr. Dixon)** shall be debatable for 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled.

Pursuant to the order of the House of June 22, 2000, as further modified by the order of the House of June 23, 2000 (above), the following amendments may be considered:

Mr. Allen may offer and amendment (#2) an amendment to designate \$5 million for the Criminal Division, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, for hiring and training of staff and travel to prosecute obscenity cases, including those involving use of the mails for sexual advertisements and transmittal of sexually-related material. *Contact: Jim Bradley, x5-6116*

Mr. Allen may offer an amendment (#13) to add a new section at the end of the bill designating funds (\$200,000) for the State Department's Administration of Foreign Affairs-Diplomatic and Consular Programs to be used for activities designed to promote the termination of the North Korean ballistic missile program. *Contact: Jim Bradley, x5-6116*

Mr. Andrews may offer an amendment to strike section 110 of the bill which restricts reimbursement by the Department of Justice to cases where the United States, or an agency or officer is a defendant. *Staff Contact: Matt Walker, x5-6501*

Mr. Brown (OH) may offer an amendment (#53) restricting the use of funds for the revocation or revision of laws or regulations of another country relating to intellectual property rights involving drugs or other medical technologies and, requiring compliance with the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the so-called WTO TRIPS accord. *Staff Contact: Ellie Dehoney, x5-3401*

Mr. Barr may offer an amendment (#44) to insert the word "immediate" before the term "destruction" relating to unlawful sale, distribution or ownership of firearms. *Contact: x5-2931*

Mr. Bilbray may offer one or more amendments (#45), (#46), (#47), and (#48) to reduce funding for the Diplomatic and Consular Affairs of the State Department in various amount(s) and increase

funding for the International Boundary and Water Commission – United State and Mexico by the same amount(s). *Contact: x5-2040*

Mr. Bilbray may offer one or more amendments (#48), (#49), (#50), and (#51) to transfer funds from the State Department’s account for Diplomatic and Consular Affairs to the International Boundary Commission-United States and Mexico for a feasibility study for the construction of a diversionary structure in the flood control channel of the Tijuana River and the tracking of plumes of sewage contaminants in the south San Diego Bay-Mexico border region. *Contact: x5-2040*

Mr. Bilbray may offer one or more amendments (#14), (#15), and (#16) to decrease funding (by \$5.1 million) for the Diplomatic and Consular programs of the State Department, the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 and the UN peacekeeping funds of the State Department and to increase by the same amount (\$5.1 million) funding for salaries and expenses of the International Boundary Water Commission, United States and Mexico. *Contact: x5-2040*

Mr. Bilbray may offer an amendment (#17) to reduce funds (\$500,000) of the Diplomatic and Consular programs of the State Department and to increase the State Department construction account by the same amount. *Contact: x5-2040*

Mr. Bilbray may offer an amendment (#18) transferring funds (\$500,000) from the State Department’s Diplomatic and Consular Programs to be used to pay for a feasibility study for the construction of a diversionary structure in the flood control channel of the Tijuana River as it enters the United States. *Contact: x5-2040*

Mr. Blunt may offer an amendment (#52) prohibiting the use of funds for the U.S.-European Union Consultative Group on Biotechnology unless the U.S. Trade Representative certifies that the European Union has a timely, transparent, science-based regulatory process in place for the approval of agricultural biotechnology products. *Contact: x5-6536*

Messrs. Campbell and Bonior may offer an amendment to cut \$173,480 from the salaries and expenses category of the Justice Department’s prison programs. This amount is derived by multiplying the yearly cost of incarceration (\$21,685) by the number of people currently detained under what is known as “Secret Evidence”.

Contact: Charlie DeWitt 225-2632

Messrs. Campbell and Bonior may offer a limitation amendment stating that no funds may be used to detain people under “Secret Evidence”. *Contact: Charlie DeWitt, x5-2632*

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Mr. Capuano may offer an amendment (#3) that directs the Federal Communications Commis-

sion (FCC) to conduct a study of the area code crisis in the United States. The study will examine the causes of the crisis, the costs associated with the addition of new area codes, the impact on consumers, and potential solutions to this problem. Several suggestions for possible solutions are included in the amendment. The amendment requires the FCC to report its findings to Congress within 60 days of enactment of this legislation. *Staff Contact: John Skarin, x5-5111*

Mr. Chambliss may offer an amendment (#54) to require a grantee of the Legal Services Corporation that does not prevail in a civil suit against farmers under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, the grantee pays the attorneys fees incurred by the defendant. *Contact: x5-6531*

Ms. DeGette may offer an amendment (#58) transferring funds (\$750,000) from the Counterterrorism Fund of the Justice Department for carrying out provisions of the Clean Air Act relating to section 3(a) of the Chemical Safety Information, Site Security and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act (P.L. 106-40). *Contact: x5-4431*

Ms. DeGette may offer an amendment (#59) to strike section 103 (the prohibition on the use of funds to pay for abortions for female inmates in federal detention facilities). *Contact: x5-4431*

Ms. Delauro may offer an amendment (#8) that directs any monetary recoveries in the civil action U.S. v. Philip Morris to be directed to accounts in the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense and Health and Human Services for medical care activities under each of those accounts. *Staff Contact: Christin Holman, x5-3661*

Messrs. Dixon and Crowley may offer an amendment that increases appropriations for the Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities account by \$240,566,000, increasing funding in the bill to the President's request of \$738,666,000 for this account. That level will allow the United States to pay its anticipated assessments for United Nations Peacekeeping missions in fiscal 2001, including the four missions in Africa—Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia/Eritrea, and Western Sahara—that the current funding level and language in the Committee report restrict. *Staff Contact: Chris Thompson, x5-7084*

Mr. Dixon may offer an amendment (#60) increasing funding for the International Peacekeeping Activities of the State Department by \$240 million. *Contact: x5-7084*

Mr. Farr may offer an amendment (#12) to increase funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) by \$171 million. *Staff Contact: Troy Phillips, x5-2861*

Mr. Filner may offer an amendment to designate \$4 million from the Small Business Administration to be made available for the National Veterans Business Development Corporation. *Staff Contact: Todd Houchins, x5-9756*

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Mr. Hinchey may offer an amendment (#22) to reduce funds (\$99 million) for Local Law

Enforcement Grants and Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth in Sentencing Incentive Grants and to increase funding for trade adjustment assistance under the Economic Development Administration by \$49.5 million. **Contact: x5-6335**

Mr. Hostettler may offer an amendment (#23) to prohibit the use of Department of Justice funds to enforce, implement or administer the provisions of the settlement document between Smith & Wesson and the Department of the Treasury. **Contact: x5-4636**

Mr. Jackson (IL) may offer an amendment (#62) increasing funding for the International Peace-keeping Activities of the State Department by \$240 million. **Contact: x5-0773**

Ms. Jackson-Lee may offer an amendment (#63) to increase funds (\$3 million) for the Office of the U.S. Attorneys by reducing funding for NOAA by the same amount. **Contact: x5-3816**

Ms. Jackson-Lee may offer an amendment (#64) to increase funds (\$11.8 million) for the Office of the United States Attorneys by reducing funding for NOAA by the same amount. **Contact: x5-3816**

Ms. Jackson-Lee may offer an amendment (#65) to increase funding (\$24 million) for the U.S. Marshals Service and reduce funding for INS construction by the same amount. **Contact: x5-3816**

Ms. Jackson-Lee may offer an amendment (#66) designating funding for International Peace-keeping Activities of the State Department specifically for Angola, Congo, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sierra Leone and the western Sahara of Africa. **Contact: x5-3816**

Ms. Jackson-Lee may offer an amendment (#67) to decrease funding for the International Boundary Commission- United States and Mexico (by \$2.1 million) and increasing funding for the Commission on Civil Rights by the same amount. **Contact: x5-3816**

Ms. Jackson-Lee may offer an amendment (#25) that changes the date of registry for immigrants in the United States from 1972 to 1986. The purpose of the amendment is to grant legalization for undocumented immigrants who, after a new policy implemented during the Reagan Administration granting legalization for those who could prove they were in the country since January 1, 1982, briefly left the country and then were denied legalization after re-entry. The INS later agreed to modify the rule but only after hundreds of thousands of people were turned away. **Staff Contact: Leon Buck, x5-2329**

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Ms. Jackson-Lee may offer an amendment (#26) to adjust the status of nationals of Salvado Gua-

temala, Honduras, and Haiti in the same manner as was offered to Nicaraguans and Cubans in the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American relief Act of 1997. The amendment allows the adjustment of status to legal permanent status for those living in the United States since 1995. **Staff Contact: Leon Buck, x5-2329**

Mr. Knollenberg may offer an amendment (#68) adding language to section 623 (relating to limitations on implementation of the Kyoto Protocols) clarifying that any limitations on funds made available under the bill shall not apply to activities which are otherwise authorized by law. **Contact: x5-5802**

Mr. Largent may offer an amendment (#5) designating \$5 million for the Justice Department's Criminal Division, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, for the hiring and training of staff, travel, and other expenses to prosecute obscenity cases, including those arising under chapter 17 of title 18, United States Code (use of the mails for sexual advertising and transmittal of sexually-related materials). **Contact: Wendy Taylor 225-2216**

Ms. Lowey may offer an amendment (#5) that would provide an additional \$150,000,000 in funding to the Community Oriented Policing Services account for the State and Local Prosecutors program. These funds would be used for discretionary grants to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions to hire up to 1,000 prosecutors to work on gun-related cases. **Staff Contact: Beth Tritter, x5-6506**

Ms. Maloney may offer an amendment (#27) that provides \$5 Million to the U.S. Census Bureau to begin planning for a Census of Americans Abroad by 2003. **Staff Contact: Joe McKelvey, x5-7944**

Mrs. Maloney may offer an amendment (#69) reducing funds (\$5 million) for the International Trade Commission and increasing funding for the Bureau of the Census by the same amount. **Contact: x5-3822**

Ms. McCarthy (M0) may offer an amendment (#28) authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to accept donated property and services relating to operation of the Prison Card Program from a nonprofit entity notwithstanding the fact it provides services under a contract for operation of pre-release services, halfway houses and other custodial facilities. **Contact: x5-4535**

Mr. McGovern may offer an amendment (#29) to decrease funds (\$1 million) for the Federal Prison System of the Department of Justice and to increase funding for the National Institute of Standards and Technology by the same amount. **Staff Contact: Giles Giovinnazzi, x5-6101**

Mr. McGovern may offer an amendment (#7) to reduce the Telecommunications Carrier Compliance Fund in the Department of Justice for law enforcement purposes by \$4,479,000 and to increase funds for the Small Business Administration by the same amount. **Contact: Giles Giovinnazzi**

Mrs. Mink may offer an amendment (#70) to increase funding (by \$4.8 million) for various activities of NOAA and reducing funding of the NOAA Procurement, Acquisition and Construction account by \$1.2 million. **Contact: x5-4906**

Mr. Obey may offer an amendment that would fully fund, without offsets, the amounts requested for the Administration's Trade Monitoring and Compliance initiative. Specifically, it provides an additional \$22 million as follows: #1.3 million for the Office of USTR; \$17.7 million for the Commerce Department International Trade Administration (ITA), of which \$9.9 million is for the Import Administration and \$6.3 million is for transfer to the Department of Agriculture for related trade compliance activities; and \$3 million for the Department of State. *Staff Contact: Sally Chadbourne, x5-3481*

Mr. Obey may offer an amendment that increases the amount provided to the Department of Justice's Division by \$20,731, 000 to bring the total available funding (including carryover) for FY 2001 to \$134,000,000, the full request of the antitrust division. This amendment also adds \$29,793,000 to the amounts provided for the Federal Trade Commission, bringing the total amount available (including carryover) for the operations of the FTC in FY 2001 to \$164,600,000, to the full request for the FTC. *Staff Contact: Sally Chadbourne, x5-3481*

Mr. Obey may offer an amendment to restore the President's Budget fiscal year 2001 request for the Public Telecommunications Facilities, Planning and Construction Program, (increase \$81,850,000) to allow public broadcasting stations to make the necessary infrastructure changes to meet the Federal mandate to convert to digital transmission. *Staff Contact: Sally Chadbourne, x5-3481*

Mr. Obey may offer an amendment (#71) to strike the proviso on page 77, line 9 of the bill relating to limitations on the use of \$100 million for payment to the United Nations by the State Department. *Contact: x5-3481*

Mr. Oliver may offer an amendment (#72) adding language to section 723 (relating to the Kyoto Protocols) clarifying that the limitations on funds shall not apply to activities which are otherwise authorized by law. *Contact: x5-5335*

Mr. Rush may offer an amendment (#9) to reduce funds for the FBI by \$8.5 million and to increase funding for the "Weed and Feed Program Fund" within the Office of Justice Programs by the same amount. *Contact: 225-4372*

Mr. Rush may offer an amendment (#10) to reduce funds for the FBI by \$5 million and increase funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services by the same amount. *Contact: x5-4372*

Mr. Rush may offer an amendment (#11) to transfer \$15 million from the National Weather Service program in NOAA to carry out purposes of the PRIME Act (as added to section 725 of P.L. 106-102). *Contact: x5-4372*

Mr. Sanford may offer an amendment (#33) to strike the funding (\$8.2 million) for the Asia Foundation in the Department of State. *Contact: x5-3176*

Mr. Saxton may offer an amendment (#34) increasing funds for the National Ocean Service by \$18.2 million and reducing funds (\$18.4) for the National Marine Fisheries Service, and increasing

funds for the National Weather Service (by \$18 million) and reducing funds for the Service by \$17.9 million. **Contact: x5-47654**

Mr. Scott may offer an amendment (#35) to reduce funds for State and local law enforcement assistance (by \$10 million) and Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (by \$10 million) and increases funding (by \$10 million) for Public Safety and Policing Grants and for the Crime Identification Technology Act of 1998 (by \$10 million). **Contact: x5-8351**

Mr. Scott may offer an amendment (#36) increasing funds for the Boys and Girls Clubs in public housing (by \$60.8 million) and for Drug Courts programs in the Office of Justice Assistance of the Department of Justice. Funding for the Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth in Sentencing Incentive Grants is reduced by \$121.6 million. **Contact: x5-8351**

Mr. Serrano may offer an amendment (#6) to increase funding: (1) for the legal activities of the Department of Justice (by \$11,832,000); (2) for the Community Relations Service (by \$2,350,000); for the COPS program (by \$30,000,000) and within the COPS program, designate \$30,000,000 for community crime prevention, \$20,000,000 for police integrity and hate crimes training, \$5,000,000 for police recruiting, and \$5,000,000 for citizens academies and One America race dialogues; (3) the Commission on Civil Rights (by \$2,134,000) and (4) the EEOC (by \$31,072,000). **Staff Contact: Lucy Hand, X5-4361**

Mr. Serrano may offer an amendment to add \$199 million for the Legal Services Corporation to restore its funding to the president's request of \$340 million. This increase is \$35 million above the current funding level (FY 2000) of \$305 million. It also requests allocations for additional Compliance and Enforcement activities and designation of funds for a Legal Needs Assessment. **Staff Contact: Lucy Hand, x5-4361**

Mr. Serrano may offer an amendment (#73) increasing funds (by \$241 million) for International Peacekeeping Activities of the State Department. **Contact: x5-3481**

Mr. Smith (MI) may offer an amendment (#74) increasing funds (\$4.4 million) for Economic Statistical Analysis in the Commerce Department and decreasing funds in the State Department Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act account. **Contact: x5-6276**

Mr. Souder may offer an amendment (#75) adding language at the end of the bill that prohibits any funds being used to pay for any U.S. delegation or envoy to attend a UN-sponsored meeting that advocates the adoption of any provision under the UN Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime that may decriminalize or legalize prostitution or otherwise limit in anyway international efforts to stop sex trafficking. **Contact: Amy Davenport, x5-4436**

Mr. Talent may offer an amendment (#39) designating funds (\$4 million) for the Small Business Administration (SBA) to be used for the National Veterans Business Development Corporation established under the Small Business Act. **Contact: x5-2561**

Mr. Terry may offer an amendment (#40) to transfer \$1 million from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) public affairs account to the Maritime Administration (MARAD) Operations and Training. **Staff Contact: Dawn Sears, x5-4155**

Mr. Stearns may offer an amendment limiting the use of funds (not more than \$880,000) for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Office of Plans and Policy. *Contact: x5-5744*

Mr. Stearns may offer an amendment (#38) limiting the use of funds (not more than \$640,000) for the Office of Media Relations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). *Contact: x5-5744*

Mr. Upton may offer an amendment (#42) to reduce funds (\$8.5 million) for the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 and the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Programs (by \$8.5 million) and increasing funding for the Weed and Seed program by \$8.5 million. *Contact: x5-3761*

Mr. Vitter may offer an amendment that specifies that no funds in the act shall be used to implement the memorandum of understanding regarding the ABM treaty entered into on September 26, 1997, between the United States, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, and the Ukraine until the treaty has been ratified by the United States Senate. *Staff Contact: Kyle Ruckert, x 5-3015.*

Mr. Vitter may offer an amendment (#76) adding language at the end of the bill to prohibit the use of any funds by a U.S. delegation involving the Commission to Implement the Memorandum of Understanding Relating to the Treaty between the United States and the Union of Soviet Republics with regard to the 1972 limitation on Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems. *Contact: x5-3015*

Mr. Vitter may offer an amendment (#77) adding language at the end of the bill prohibiting the use of funds by the State Department to approve the purchase of property in Arlington, Virginia by the Xinhua News Agency. *Contact: x5-3015*

Mr. Weiner may offer an amendment (#12) that adds \$740,000,000 to H.R. 4690, so that the COPS program would be funded at \$1,335,000,000 for FY2001, the level requested by the President. This funding level will allow the COPS program to fund up to 7,000 additional officers, the latest crime fighting technologies, and innovative crime prevention initiatives. Specifically, the amendment includes: \$420 million to add law enforcement officers to our streets and schools; \$350 million for crime fighting technologies, \$200 million to hire community prosecutors, \$135 million for crime prevention initiatives; \$55 million to address school safety; and \$45 million to enhance law enforcement in Indian Country. *Staff Contact: Eric Rosen, x5-6616*

Mr. Upton may offer an amendment (#42) to reduce funds (\$8.5 million) for the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 and the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Programs (by \$8.5 million) and increasing funding for the Weed and Seed program by \$8.5 million. *Contact: x5-3761*

Mr. Whitfield may offer an amendment (#78) to add a new section to the bill (624) to prohibit funds for the Legal Services Corporation from being used for grants for programs to provide legal assistance to H2-A workers (as defined under section 101(A)(15)(H)(II) of the Immigration and Nationality Act) in lawsuits against former employers. *Contact: x5-3115*

Mr. Wu may offer an amendment (#43) to reduce funding for the joint INS and U.S. Marshal Service Detention Facility (by \$8.2 million) and to increase funding for trade adjustment assistance (by \$1.2 million), for NOAA (by a total of \$28 million). *Contact: x5-0855*



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